

**REMARKS**

The present reply is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 19, 2006. The Applicant hereby resubmits only the claims in reply to the Notice. Reconsideration in light of the present reply and the reply dated September 5, 2006 is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

It is believed that this Reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Reply is earnestly solicited.


If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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